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1. MFA MID EAST DIRECTOR VERED TOLD US JUNE 4
THAT JABRIL, HABBASH, AND KAYALI (PHONETIC) OF IRAQI-SPONSORED
FEDAYEEN GROUP DID TAKE PART IN DRAFTING OF PLO TEN-POINT PROGRAM,
EVEN THOUGH THESE THREE ELEMENTS CURRENTLY ARE OBSTRUCTING
ADOPTION OF THIS DRAFT PROGRAM AT PALESTINE NATIONAL COUNCIL
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(PNC) SESSION CURRENTLY UNDERWAY IN CAIRO. (MRS VERED ADDED
THAT PFLP/GENERAL COMMAND DEFINITELY HAS REPRESENTATIVES

TAKING PART IN PNC, EVEN THOUGH JABRIL IS ABSENT-- REFTEL.)

2. VERED SAID SHE COULD ONLY SPECULATE AS TO REASON FOR THIS NEW WRINKLE. POSSIBLY TEN-POINT DOCUMENT LOOKED DIFFERENT AT BEIRUT DRAFTING SESSIONS BECAUSE SYRIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT LOOKED FAR OFF IN FUTURE AND SUBJECT MATTER OF DOCUMENT APPEARED LARGELY ACADEMIC. OR THE THREE OBSTRUCTING GROUPS MAY HAVE THOUGHT THEY HAD INSERTED ENOUGH SEVERE CONDITIONS INTO DOCUMENT TO WARD OFF ANY PNC DECISION TO OPT FOR GENEVA ATTNDANCE AND NOW HAVE DISCOVERED THEY MISCALCULATED.

3. MRS VERED SAID THE THREE GROUPS ARE UPSET BY MODERATES' EFFORTS TO SKIRT RESOLUTION 242 PROBLEM. MODERATES ARE TALKING ABOUT (A) POSSIBLE REVISION OF 242 TO UPGRADE REFERENCE TO "REFUGEE PROBLEM" TO "LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE," OR (B) INCLUSION OF THIS WORDING IN AN INVITATION TO PLT TO COME TO GENEVA, OR, AS FALLBACK, (C) DECLARATION BY PLO SO INTERPRETING 242 AND ANY INVITATION TO GENEVA.

4. STATISTICALLY, FATAH, SAIQA, AND PDFLP HAVE SMALL MAJORITY AT PNC, MRS VERED SAID. UNLESS SOME FATAH MEMBERS OF PNC DEFECT, WHICH COULD HAPPEN, PNC MIGHT VOTE ALONG LINES ARAFAT IS SEEKING. ARAFAT IMPROVED HIS MAJORITY BY SUCCESSFULLY PUSHING FOR INCLUSION IN PNC OF EIGHT INDIVIDUALS RECENTLY EXPELLED BY ISRAELIS FROM WEST BANK WHO UNDOUBTEDLY WILL VOTE WITH ARAFAT. MRS VERED SAID FOUR OF THE EIGHT WRE ACTIVITS IN JORDAN COMMUNIST PART: ARABY AWAD (EXPERIENCED ORGANIZER); DAMON HUSSEIN AUDI; GERIS AWAD KALWASC AND SHAKIR ABU HAJLI (ALL NAMES PHONETIC).. IN MRS VERED'S OPINION INCLUSION OF THESE FOUR IN PNC REFLECTED DEAL BETWEEN ARAFAT AND SOVIETS. SOVIETS WOULD INFLUENCE FOUR TO COOPERATE WITH ARAFAT, WHICH WOULD BE VALUABLE TO ARAFAT NOT ONLY BECAUSE HE NEEDS THEIR VOTES BUT ALSO BECAUSE OF THEIR UNDERGROUND SEASONING AS EFFECTIVE POLITICAL OPERATORS. SOVIETS IN TURN WOULD HAVE THEIR OWN PEOPLE AT FEDAYEEN CENTER.

5. AS FOR REMAINING FOUR OF THE EIGHT, MRS VERED SAID ABU MEZER WOULD REPLACE KAMAL NASSER AS PLO SPOKESMAN
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AND ABDU SALAH JAWAD (FORMER MAYOR OF BIRRAH, NEAR RAMALLAH) WOULD REPLACE KAMAL ADWAN, IN CHARGE OF OPERATIONS INSIDE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. OTHER TWO WOULD HAVE NO SPECIAL ROLE.
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